WHEREAS, Through the laying on of hands by the Most Reverend Lambert A. Hoch, Bishop of the Sioux Falls, South Dakota Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, THOMAS A. HECK, MICHAEL D. KELLY, KENNETH J. KOSTER, JOHN R. LANTSBERGER, MICHAEL G. WENSING and JAMES W. ZIMMER are called to serve the church as Deacons; and,

WHEREAS, This ceremony will take place at St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls on May 25, 1975; and,

WHEREAS, As Deacons these gentlemen will have many responsibilities, such as: assisting at the eucharist, administering the sacrament of baptims, and witnessing and blessing marriages in the name of the church; and,

WHEREAS, The Deacons will also read and proclaim the gospel, instruct the faithful in doctrine, preside over public prayer, bring viaticum to the dying and assist at funeral and burial services; and,

WHEREAS, These gentlemen have spent many hours of study and have put forth much effort, and are to be commended for undertaking these duties and responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, We in South Dakota are indeed proud of these young men; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this momentous occasion of their investiture as Deacons of the Roman Catholic Church:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 25, 1975, in honor of these gentlemen who have dedicated their lives to serving their fellowmen, and urge their many friends and relatives to join with them in sharing their joy on this special day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Five

ATTEST:

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE